Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia.

LIGHTSHIP HAD TO FLY

The Diamond Shoals Driven from Her Station.

SHUBERT A TOTAL WRECK

Captain and Crew Taken Off by Life Saving 'Crew-Serious Effect of Cold Weather on Produce Markets.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., February 20.-The Diamond Shoals Lightship, No. 71, arrived her station because she had been twice driven to sea and had lost both her great mushroom anchors and 165 fathoms of steel cable. She lost one anchor, being driven away from it by the force of the storm of Monday night sixty-five miles to sea. She returned to be driven away from Hatteras by a second storm, when the force of the gale caused the chain to ally through the hawse holes and the lashings in the cable box snapped. Captain Tawse says that the steel cable, one and five-eighths inches thick, snapped like twine. The gale blew at almety or onehundred miles an hour. The lightship refit and return immediately to her sta

The Schooner William H. Shubert, which went ashore three miles north of Roanoke Island in the hurricane of inst Monday night, is a total wreck. The steamer Rescue, of the Merrit and Chapman Wrecking Company, stripped the vessel, and is now on her way to Norfolk. The cargo of coal is lost. It was the bulky coal that prevented the wreckers from floating the schooner. The Shubert, at the time she was driven ashore in the seventy-mile gale, was bound from Philadelphia to Cardenas Cuba. Capitain Doughty and crew of ten men were taken off the vessel by the life saving crew from the Bodles Island Station in the breeches buoy, and have been cared for SHUBERT A TOTAL WRECK. breeches buoy, and have been cared for at the station. Now that the schooner, it a loss the crew will come to Norfolk and be sent to Philadelphia. Schooner and argo was worth in the neighborhood of

PRODUCE MARKET AFFECTED PRODUCE MARKET AFFECTED.

The intensely cold weather provailing in New York and New England has decreased the sale and the demand for produce. It could be shipped from here by steamer, but it cannot be distributed by rail from the great markets, New York, Boston, and Providence, accessible from here by water. Then in addition to the lack of transportation facility for distribution from the market centres, there is bution from the market centres, there is the lack of that certainty of rail delivery which must exist in order to warrant the shipment of perishable freight. Produce is nearly always sold on commission, and the owner is careful not to ship when he the owner is careful not to ship when he is doubtful whether it will arrive in time to sell for enough to pay freight and charges. The farmer or owner takes the risk of the marke, in any event, but he doesn't wish to take any additional risks on account of fallure in delivery. Consequently, shipments from here are light for two reasons, both of them the results of the intensely cold weather on the railways of the North and the New England States.

WANT TO BE REGISTERED.

At a meeting of the Town Executive

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At a meeting of the Town Executive Committee, held at the office of the Norfolk County Democrat last night, a committee was appointed to visit Richmond and request the Legislature to pass a special act whereby the voters of the town of Berkley can be registered. The Legislature at the last special session passed an act empowering the electoral boards of counties to appoint registrars for the purpose of registering voters in towns, and it is stated that the Electoral Board of Norfolk county neglected to carry out the provision of the act, and that the time for registration as fixed by the Legislature to enable the voters of Berkley to have their names placed on the registration books.

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Is Hugh G, Miller in the postofilee contest as a factor? That is proposed as an interesting question. The conditions are as follows: President Roosevelt allowed Judge Lewis to choose Coles for his assistant in the district attorney's office, but had to withdraw the permission to keep Miller in. He had forgotten that Miller was filling the place. It is understood that the President wishes to please Miller, because he feels kindly toward him, but he was sorry then and is still gad because he was obliged to recall his permission to Judge Lewis. The death of Colonel Waddy puts another opportunity in the way of the President to allow Judge Lewis to choose his own assistant by transferring the present assistant attorney, Hugh G. Miller, to the postoffice herth. Mentime Captain Nichols, while not opposed by the organization, will not be endorsed by the organization, will not have the endorsement of the banks, for that will probably be turned to Miss Waddy, for whom a petition is circulating among the citizens and the business men. Captain Nichols will have the endorsement of Colonel George E. Bowden. Because of that endorsement the organization will not oppose Captain Nichols, but it will not endorse him and probably with the President than is usual in such cases. He may determine to do what will please Judge Lewis, and what will mg among the citizens and the business men. Captain Nichols will have the endorsement of Colonel George E. Bowden. Because of that endorsement the organization will not oppose Captain Nichols, but it will not endorse him and probabily will not endorse him and probabily will not endorse any candidate. The decision therefore is more positively with the President than is usual in such cases. He may determine to do what will please Judge Lewis, and what will fix Hupf G. Miller, or he may determine to heed the endorsement of the banks and the petition of the business men.

GOVERNMENT'S THREE CONTEST'S.
Contests for three land condemnations are pending in the United States District Court here. One of them, and the one in which the largest amount of money and the greatest interests are involved, is the Schmoele tract, which the Government wishes to add to the navyyard in Portsmouth, another is the Shaff lot in Richmond needed for the new postoffice and still another is a tract of land at Alexandria needed for the seeking to reduce the awards made by the commissioners appointed to fix a value on the property at which the Government shall buy it from the owners. There is a delegation here to-day in consultation with Mr. Lewis abaut the Alexandria property. Tills delegation is headed by B. F. Layton, of Washington, and it is seeking to make an errangement for a hearing as to reason, the value of the price fixed there. Captain Thomas E. Hodges of the navyyard, Portsmouth, is here in the capacity of consulting engineer to assist Mr. Lewis a but the Alexandria property. Tills delegation is headed by B. F. Layton, of Washington, and it is seeking to make an errangement for a hearing as to reason, the value of the price fixed there. Captain Thomas E. Hodges of the navyyard, Portsmouth, is here in the capacity of consulting engineer to assist Mr. Lewis in obtaining a reduction of the award fixed by the commissioners for the Schmoele tract, which is \$72,000 for 100 fixed proposed to the first proposed to the first proposed to t

BEEF CONSPIRACY CASES. BEEF CONSPIRACY CASES.

No trial of the beef conspiracy cases is likely to occur this week because the Federal Court is engaged in the trial of the limportant lumber case, involving \$12,000, of James L. Gay against a great New York firm, which consumes more time than was anticipated when these cases were set for the 20th. Meantime the Irial of the negro preacher of Suffolk, the Rev. James M. Copeland, for charging illegal pension fees, is pending and will probably be heard before the beef cases.

INSPECTOR BULLA HAS A CLUE. INSPECTOR BULLA HAS A CLUE. Inspector Bulla, of the Postoffice Department, has a clue to the sender of the infernal machine by which young Harry Hicks was burned yesterday. He is hore, ful that he will be able to find the guilty person, but meantime he is giving as little information as possible for fear that the statement may be injurious or libelous to innocent persons. The boy is doing well and seems to be injured only by the powder burns on his face. He held the cigar box at a distance has be opened it.

IN CHARLES CITY.

Its Citizens Fortunate in Being Provided With Fuel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLES CETY COURTHOUSE, VA., February 20.-Judge Isaac H. Christian held court to-day. Very little business of note was transacted. Owing to severe cold and condition of roads, a small crowd was present.

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It is seldom that this historic section is visited by such a sample of riprorious weather as has prevailed around here for several days, and there is little to do but to try and keep warm until the bilizard blows itself out. Fortunately, nearly every one of our citizens owns a tract of woodland or has a near neighbor that does. So an abundance of tuel can be had by all for the cutting and hauling, and the poor as well as the rich can sit down before a roaring blaze these bitter nights and discuss society and politics to their hearts' content, fearing neither coal baron or strikes.

A huge pine tree was blown down in Tesday's storm across the highway that leads from Charles City Courthouse to Willcox Wharf. The obstruction was removed as soon as possible. The tree fell at a place where the road crosses a stream called "Gun's Run." It was at this place that some years ago a colored teamster and the mules he was driving at the time were washed down stream and drowned while attempting to cross when the run was high from a freshet. Miss Francis Carter, who has been visiting relatives in Petersburg, Va., has returned to her home in this county. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Saunders, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Jr., of Richmond, have returned and family, who have been ill with small-

is reported that Mr. J. S. Gatewood and family, who have been ill with small-pox, are all much better; in fact, getting well. Mr. Gatewood is a resident of Henrico county, and not of Charles City

Mrs. Mary Harrison Drewry is the guest of Mrs. Frank McGuire, in Rich-

nond. Miss Mary S. Sparrow, of No. 11 South Laurel Street, Richmond, is the guest of the Misses Carter, of "High Hills," in this county.

NEW BRISTOL DEPOT

Handsome and Up-to-Date Building Almost Completed.

cial to The Times-Disputch.) BRISTOL, VA., February 20 .- The new P. Pettyjohn and Company, of Railway Company, was completed this week. It will be occupied as soon as the seats for the walting room arrive. The new station, built of buff brick and stone. with green slate roof and granolithic floors, set with marble chips and polished to a smooth surface, cost upwards of \$10,000, including the grading, etc., to beautify the grounds. The station proper is over 200 feet in length, and, including sheets and including sheets. sheds and platforms, is more than 500 feet in length. The Southern and Norfeet in length. The Southern and Nor-folk and Western Railways will use the station, and it is probable that the Vir-ginia and Southwestern Railway Com-pany will lease a right and bring its trains into the new station.

PARSON BURROUGHS OF BRISTOL REPLIES

Ministers Adopted Resolutions Unfavorable to His Matrimonial Mecca.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., February 20.—Rev. Alred Harrison Burroughs, parson of the Bristol matrimonial mecca, has published made upon his marrying business by the Ministers' Association of Bristol. Burroughs states in his reply that he has never married anybody unlawfully since he was ordained as a minister and gave a bond to perform the marriage rite only under lawful conditions; that when he

BEDFORD IS IN THE RACE

Presents Forceful Arguments to Secure New Normal.

NEW CURFEW ORDINANGE

The American Asbestos Company is Actively Pushing Its Work in Southern Bedford County-Improved Machinery to Be Installed.

BEDFORD CITY, VA., February 20.-A mass-meeting of citizens has been callday, to take suitable action towards securing for Bedford the State Normal School contemplated in the bill offered by Senator Graham Claytor. Earnest enthuslasm over the success of the measure is manifested by town and county folk alike, and strong resolutions will be passed on Monday and a committee will be appointed to urge the county's claims before the Legislature. Bedford City stands at the gateway of Southwest Virginia, and is easily accessible from overy point in the State. In beauty and healthfulness the location is unsurpassed, and in cost of maintenance the figures stand at a minimum.

But perhaps the strongest reason why one of the State normals should be located here is the fact that Bedford and this section have never received any appropria-

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ae Valley has the Western Insane Hospital and the School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Staunton, and the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington; the Southwest has the hospital at Marion, and the Polytechnic School at Blacksburg; Tidewater has the Williamsburg Hospital and William and Mary, Normal and the Hampton Institute; Midland Virginia has the State Capitol and Soldiers' Home, at Richmond, and the solored normal school and Insane Hospital at Petersburg; Upper Piedmont has the Uniwersity of Virginia; the Southside has the State Normal at Farmville. These are some of the claims that will be urged before the Legislature.

CURFEW LAW.

The Town Council has passed a "curfew ordinance," requiring children under sixteen years of age to be in their homes at the ringing of the fre-bell at 8 o'clock from October 1st to March 31st, and at 9 o'clock from April 1st to September 30th. The night policemen will give fifteen strokes to the fire-bell, and children without parental permission will be fined if seen on the streets after the curfew. In spite of the terrific roads that have been the county's berlinge since the new

been the county's heritage since the nev year, the American Asbestos Company year, the making active preparations for mining on a large scale. The first prop-erty being developed is the Hubbard farm, and here boiler and engine rooms have been erected, and much of the new machinery, which recently arrived, has been installed.

Installed.

The large sixty horse-power boller will be carried to the mines as soon as the roads can be forced. The houses for the miners have already been built.

MODERN PLANT.

It is said the American Asbestos Company's plant will be the most modern and complete in the State. It has been constructed under the supervision of Mr. Earl C. Bacon, the well known mining engineer, of New York, who has made a specialty of installing asbestos plants. The outfit for the Bonanza shaft will be operated by a sixty horse-power boller, specially of installing assessos plants. The outfit for the Bonanza shaft will be operated by a sixty horse-power boller, and the most modern holsting engine, drum windings. The Rand drills will be operated by an air compressor of the most improved type, and after six or eight holes are drilled in the shaft and the shots placed, the whole number of shots will be fired by an electric battery from the surface. The asbestos is then transported to the surface by a three-mule car, which dumps out automatically at the tipple, being pulled to the surface by the cable operated by the holsting engine. There is so much of the automatic about the plant that very few men will be required, and the operation will be quite simple. The mica on the Overstreet farm, about a mile away, is also being developed.

FROM ELKO

The Cold Wave Reigned Supreme in

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ELKO, VA., February 20.—The wave that has swept this entire country still reigns in full force at this point. Most of the snow has disappeared, but cold weather is expected for several weeks to come by local weather prognosticators. Although the weather has been so change-Although the weather has been so change-able, there has been very little sickness in this locality for some time. Mrs. Allee Hobson and son, Master Owen Hobson, of Richmond, were visitors at the home of Mrs. William Adams Sun-

day. Mr. Arthur Fisher, of this place, has secured employment with the E. E. C. & O. Rallroad double-track grading force, with Mr. William Bradley, contractor. Mr. Bradley, who has been quite ill, is much improved.

Dr. Robert Hunter Garthright, formerly of the superstance of the sup

Dr. Robert Hunter Garthright, formerly of Clover Plains, near this place, but now residing in Vinton, where he has a large practice, is expected to be the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. R. Robins. Dr. Garthright writes: "I want to visit the scenes of my childhood once more." His wife is expected to accompany him. Mrs. Janie Boothe (nee McCorquodale), formerly of Franklinsville, N. C., who boarded in this vicinity for several months, has gone to her former home on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Mary McCorquodale,
Mr. Benjamin Robins, who recently dispaced of an ancient sword, sold to Mr.

of an ancient sword, sold to Mr. Lyons, the "Veteran Guide," of Pines, has other interesting war in his possession, found in this y-war souvenirs of much interest.

WAS SHOT THREE TIMES

Rough House at a Negro Dance—All Took Part in the Affray, (Special to The Times-Dispetch.)

MEHERRIN, VA., Feb. 20.—A row last night at a negro dance near this place, in Prince Edward county, it is said, was started by Susan Ellis. In a few minutes after the whole house took a hand and everything was very warm for a while. Pistols and razors were in display and it was thought that several would be killed. Chairs were used by those who were not fortunate chough

damage was done.

The fight lasted about twenty-five minties, and at the end it was found that
Gusan Ellis was shot three times, twice
in the lower limb and once in the hig.
It is also reported that she was cut
slightly in the side. Her clothes were
also set on fire by the pistol shots, and
when she was finally carried away she
was almost bare or clothes.

Night before last the dwelling of Ned
Taylor, an old colored man who lives
near here, caught on fire and he perlished in the fiames.

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Successful Exhibition Given by the Hampden-Sidney Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., February 20 The intermediate exercises of Hampden-Sidney College opened ast night with a very successful exhibition given by the gymnasium team. The performance began about 8 o'clock and went through without a hitch Every man knew his place and acted his part well. The team was as follows: Messrs. Horace P. Jones (instructor), W. Fearne Patton (assistant Instructor), Frank H. Mann, Hunter Mann, Edgar G. Gammon, Richard F. Hernard and R. Young.

Mr. Jonés and his assistant, Mr. Patton, are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion. The team was very skillfully handled. It is said to be the best exhibition given by the Hampden-Sidney "gym." team in a number of years. The intermediate exercises of Hampden

years. The house was well filled with an at-tentive and appreciative audience. More than one act of special skill brought forth hearty applause.

A special feature of the evening, which added much to the success of the occa-sion, was the sweet plano music very skillfully rendered by Mr. Herbert An-derson.

To-night the two literary societies will have their celebration. Ice in the Rappahannock.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 20.—
Owing to the heavy ice in the river,
noither the steamer Tourist nor the Essex was able to reach here to-day. The
Tourist foot stuck in the lee about five
miles below the city, and was unable to
move until the Essex arrived and pulled
her out. The passengers of both steamers were landed and brought here in
wagons.

VEIL BLOWN FROM THE BRONZE STATUE

Chesterfield Confederate Monument Visited by Heavy Gale of Wednesday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTERFIELD, VA., Feb. 20.—It would seem that the bronze infantry-man standing on the height of the twenty-five foot granite shaft in the courthouse yard has grown tired of being shrouded in obscurity, and, like the glory of the Confederate heroes for whom he stands, he has merged from his temporary concealment and stands out proudly and beautifully in the glowing sun, the admiration of those who gaze upon him. In the heavy gale on Wednesday afternoon the statue cast aside its canvas "veil," and while there was a suggestion of chilliness in seeing even a bronze figure losing any of its wrippings in such a temperature, and there was regret that the lacings of the cloth should have given away before the day for formal unveiling, there was at the same time much pleasure manifested in gazing once more at the monument as a whole, which is a work of great pride to the people who labored for it. The veil will be replaced in a day or two.

Ice of considerable thickness has collected on some of the ponds in this vicinity, and some who were not so fortunate as to lay in a supply during the freeze in January hope to fill their loc-houses to-morrow.

Rev. T. R. Sanford, who recently resigned his pastorate in this county to attend the final half-session at Richmond College, returned here to-day in company with his friend, Mr. Emmet Taylor, on (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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Mrs. Henry Meyers is considered by Dr. J. F. Ragland, her physician, to be critically ill at her home near Beaulah Church.

Church.

Miss Gertrude Sims, of Norfolk city,
who has been visiting relatives in Chester, is expected here to-day.

Miss Mary Cogbill is visiting friends
in Richmond,
The Board of Supervisors will hold a

The Board of Supervisors will hold a meeting here on next Monday, the first since the meeting in December. Nothing has been heard here of late in regard to the resignation of Mr. J. W. Nunnally from the board, which was announced early in January to be his purpose. The winter term of the Circuit Court will adjourn to-morrow.



It is a great affliction for a w have her face disfigured by pimples or any form of eruptive disease. It makes her morbid and sensitive, and robs her any form of cruptive disease. It makes her morbid and sensitive, and robs her of social enjoyment. Disfiguring cruptions are caused by impure blood, and are entirely cured by the great blood, purifying medicine—Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It removes from the blood the poisonous impurities which cause disease. It perfectly and permanently cures scrofulous sores, eczema, tetter, boils, pimples and other eruptive diseases which are caused by the blood's impurity. It increases the action of the blood-making glands and thus increases the supply of pure rich blood. "For about one year and a half my face was very badly broken out," writes Miss Carrie Adams, of 16 West Main Street, lattlecreek, Mich. "I spent a great deal of money with doctors and for different kinds of meticine, but received no benefit. At last I read one of your advertisements in a paper, and obtained a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Before I had taken one bottle of this medicine to the five that also medi I can well recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to any one similarly afflicted."

The sole motive for substitution is to premit the dealetter was entirely cured. I can well recommend

GRAND JURY **INDICTMENTS**

True Bills Returned in Several Petersburg Cases.

INTEREST IN BISHOP CASE

invitations Have Been Issued to the Marriage of Mr. Herbert T. Adams, of Richmond, and Miss Macie L. Webb, of Disputanta.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., February 20.—The grand jury to-day returned true bills of indictment against Walter Marks, Rich ard Galleon, Henry Allen, William Jackson and Charles Bowman. Galleon and Marks were acquitted of the charge of feloniously assaulting W. H. Heist and breaking his arm. Marks was convicted of assault and battery and fined \$10 and costs. Henry Allen plead guilty to the theft of two overcoats belonging to Dr. theft of two overcoats belonging to Dr.

J. Bolling Jones. The judge sentenced him to three months in Jall. Bowman and Jackson were charged with breaking line the store of B. C. Buford on Bollingbrook Street and stealing several articles of clothing. The entering the store was not satisfactorily proven to the jury and the nen were found guilty only of petitit larceny and given six months in Jall.

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Mr. J. H. P. Leigh, who recently qualified to practice law in Fetersburg, made his first appearance in court to-day. He was counsel for Galleon and Marks.

There has been a great deal of interest manifested in Petersburg in the trial of Arthur L. Bishop, charged with the murcher of Wilson at Charlotte, N. C. Bishop is well known in Petersburg, where he has lived all his life. His wife, formerly Miss Alley, is also of Petersburg. All the information concerning the trial has been engerly read by the public generally. There is somewhat a division of the sentiment as to the punishment that should be meted out to Bishop.

INVITATIONS ISSUED.

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Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Mr. Herbert T. Adams, of Richmond, and Miss Macle L. Webb, and the control of Mr. Webb, of Disputanta. The marriage will take place Monday morning, February 23d, at 9 o'clock at "Marl Valley," the home of Mr. Webb. There was a slight explosion at the fire works factory this afternoon, but no serious damage was done.

Mrs. John T. Clarke left for Washington to-day in answer to a telegram stating that her mother is in a dying condition.

dition.

"Cinderella," as presented at the home of Mrs. Prentis last Friday evening by the young people on Hinton Street, was reproduced at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon by special request for the benefit of the Association. The evening was a great success.

SPECIAL SERMON.

Members of Monroe Lodge, No. 8, Appomattox Lodge, No. 16, Independent Lodge of Odd-Fellows, will attend services at High-Street Church Sunday night to hear a special sermon preached by Rev. George E. Booker,
Douglass Walker, who was convicted several days ago of stealing a bleycle and sentenced to jail, was taken before the Mayor again this morning on the charge of stealing a suit pattern from Mr. James M. Quicke. He was given sixty days in jail.

Miss Kate Allen gave the last soiree to her dancing class before the Easter holidays this evening.

GOOD ROADS

Mr. C. M. Wallace to Address Meeting at Horn Quarter Plantation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ETNA MILLS, VA., February 19.—Mr Charles M. Wallace, of Richmond, has kindly agreed to be present and address kindly agreed to be present and address the meeting of the Good Roads Association of Hanover an King William counties to be held at Horn Quarter Plantation at 2:30 P. M. Thursday, February 23th, on the subject of good roads, and the benefits to be derived by a neighborhood through the voluntery and public spirited formation of such association. Mrs. F. O. Mooklar, who has/been quite sick for some weeks is now much improved, and will soon be out again. The mail carriers has falled to get across the Pamunky River at Norments, across the Pamunky River at Norments, on account of high water, consequently

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days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Moran will tender a reception to their daughter, Miss Ida May, Thursday night, February 26th instant, at their country side, "Fair Garden." The event is in honor of Miss Moran's birthday, as well as her debut into society, and guests from Philadeiphia, Richmond and the surrounding phia, Richmond and the surrounding neighborhood will be in attendance.

RURAL DELIVERY

Another Route to Be Established in Pittsylvania.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
VASHTI, VA., February 20.-Mr. wolf, an agent of the rural free delivery service, has viewed the country around Callands Postoffice, Pittsylvania county, and deedded to report favorably the establishment of one route from that

office.

Messrs, J. M. Cousins, J. W. Marshall,
Willie Fuller and Hezeklah Glies are candidates for the position of carrier, and
have taken the examination.

The smallpox situation still remains serious in the vicinity of Museville, but the
excitement has diminished to some extent.

winter, Mrs. Ben Fuller gave a dance last night, which was very much enjoyed.

LARGE COAL FIELDS

Development in Wise and Harlan Counties in the Southwest. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CRAB ORCHARD, VA., February 20,-

The Imboden Coke Company, of Appa-The Imboden Coke Company, of Appalachia, in Wise county, six miles east of here, is pushing its work vigorously there now in the construction of coke ovens and miners' houses. It is stated from official authority that the Louisville and Nashville Railroad will commence building the branch railroad to the plant the first of March. Your correspondent made a trip to the Pecket Valley, twenty miles west of here, a few days ago. The whole trip was through the coal fields of this valley. Capitalists are visiting this immense coal field in large numbers, look-

ing out for land deals. Surveying coal lands still continues in Harlan county, IV. Mr. W. S. Palmer, of this place, who is land agent of the Interstate Investment Company, has just returned home from a business trip to Louisville, JV., and Cincinnati, Ohio, in the interest of his company.

The prospects are bright now for a speedy development of the coal of this and surrounding sections of the country. Land deals continue to be consummated.

FIRE IN THE JAIL

Prisoners Gave the Alarm and It Was Promptly Put Out.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., Feb. 20.—
The county jall here caught on fire one The county jail here caught on fire one night this week about 8 o'clock. The immates, Frank Ford (colored), who was sentenced to the penilentiary last court for horse-stealing, and Jesse Akers, a young white man, who is a lunatic, gave the alarm, which was heard by Clerk J. P. H. Crismond and T. A. Harris, Jr. Had it been tater in the night the jail would doubtless have been burned and the immates lost their lives. It is thought that rats ignited a match, as the fire caught between the ceiling and second story floor. The fire was extinguished without much damage to the property.

Constable R. M. Walter, who is thought to have had an attack of appendicits, is much improved.

ROANOKE'S WATER

Danger of Its Being Injured by the Rorer Iron Mines.

(Special to The Times-Discatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., February 20.—The
vorkers in the Rorer iron mines, near the city, yesterday struck the vein of water city, yesterday struck the vein of water of the noted Crystal Spring, of this city, which supplies Roanoke with water. The water gushed up and filled the tunnel of the mines. To-day it was noticed that the water of the city, which has always been clear, was muddy, and then it was learned that the mud came from the mines. If work is not stopped in the mines at that point Roanoke's water supply will be ruined. The water company is much stirred up and is investigating.

MARRIED THE WIDOW OF HIS BROTHER

ETNA MILLS, VA., February 19.-Mrs. Lula Johnson, widow of Mr. Charles Johnson, was married February 18th instant, to her brother-in-law, Mr. William Johnson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. II. A. Willis, of the Baptist Church, and took place at 4 P. M. at Wainut Hill, the home of the bride, Wainut Hill was formerly the home of Mr. Beverly W. Cluverius, the brother of Tommie Cluverius.

Strange Phenomenon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RED LAWN, VA., February 20.—There is something singular about the telephone is sometning singular about the telephone limes at Baskerville Depot. There are two separate lines, one north of the railroad, the other south, with no connection whatever. The 'phones are in two separate stores about fifty yards apart. The line on the south site was former. separate stores about fifty yards apart. The line on the south side runs from the store towards the river six or eight miles, while the other runs in a northerly direction. The railroad runs between the two stores and also the telegraph line, and the depot is also between the stores and no connection with one another.

Now the strange part of it is you can hear messages on the 'phone on the north side coming over the line on the south 'side, yet you cannot hear on the south 'phone what comes over the line on the north side of the railroad.

Mail Bags Burned.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MARTINSVILLE, VA., Feb. 20.—When Mail Clerk Kilby, on the D. and W. route, between Danville and Stuart, entered his car in Danville before the train started this morning, he was greeted by a lively conflagration of burning bags containing newspapers. Only the canvas bags were consumed, and the locked pouches and letter mail were not injured. The fire was caused by contact of the bags with a hot stove.

WANTS PICTURE OF THE DOG TIGER

Negro Wants to Take Photograph of Bloodhound that Trailed Him to Prison.

(Special to The Times-Disnatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., February 20.—Solonan Vick to-day was held for grand jury on the charge of burning County Clerk mith's smokehouse. Vick also left notes theatening to kill July Robinson, a colored cook, and to burn the farm dwelling. Vick confessed. He said he knew he must go to State's prison and he wished

must go to State's prison and he wished to take along a photograph of bloodhound Tiger, which ran him down.

Jim White, a negro of several allases, was sent on for indictment on the charge of breaking two safes in Suffolk a few days ago. He was implicated because of a note book which was found along with discarded papers that were taken from the safes and thrown away.

Nothing was done to care, towards Nothing was done to-day towards searching the sunken steamer Olive in Chowan River, N. C. Most of the bodies, aside from the two recovered, are believed to be in the ship's saloon. President of the saloon of the ship's saloon.

lieved to be in the ship's saloon. President Pretiow, of the Albemarle Steam Navigation Company, which owned the Olive, went to Norfolk to-day to engage divers. They have decided to attempt to raise the beat next week. From the narrow section of the nearby forests swept by the cyclone it is judged that the deaster would not have occurred had the steamer been two minutes earlier

the steamer been two minutes carrier or later.

Ed Williams, colored, to-day was held for the grand jury on the charge of breaking into 2. Nansemond county Baptist Church and stealing four lamps and the church bell. He did not remove the Bible. He is alleged to have robbed a Bible. He is allo school house also.



PYRITES IN **STAFFORD**

Many Improvements Under Way at Colonial Beach.

AN OLD PIECE OF TIMBER

The Washington Guards of Fredericksburg Will Go to Alexandria to Attend the Washington Birthday Exercises to Be Held There.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 20.-Another pyrites mine has been discovered near Mount, in Stafford county, and the owners think they have a prize. The mine gives promise of rich results.

Among the many improvements templanted at Colonial Beach, the sum-mer resort on the Potomac River, in Westmoreland county, the coming season are a large addition to one of the hotels, the rebuilding of the wharf, erection of a large power house and the building of many more handsome new cettages. It is also probable that a national bank will be established there in a short time.

Captain M. B. Rowe, of this city, has on exhibition at his place of business piece of timber, which is a relic of the tomac Railroad. This is a piece of tim-ber which was used by this road prior

to the Civil War, when strap irom or flat rail was attached to it, and it still contains several spikes which held the rail when the timber was in use. The timber had been used in the building of a tenant's house at Altoona, one of Captain Rowe's farms, and had been hauled away from the road bed when the old track was torn up.

Rev. Albert Ray, a colored preacher of this city, pastor of the Second Colored Baptist Church, has instituted a suit in the Corporation Court here for absolute divorce from his wife, Nancy Ray.

AT ALEXANDRIA.

The Washington Guards, of this city (Company L, Seventiteth Virginia Regiment), will leave here Monday morning for Alexandria, where they will participate in the big parade there in honor of Washington's birthday. This decision was reached at a meeting of the company held last night.

Hon. Hill Carter and Mr. Walker Sydnor, both of Hanover county, were here yesterday and argued a case before Circuit Judge J. E. Mason in chambers. Dr. L. Whiting, of King George county, in King George county and will practice his profession in that vicinity.

Mrs. Fleiding Lewis, who was taken sick some weeks ago while attending the funeral of her sister in Washington, and whose critical condition alarmed her friends, has so far recovered as to be able to return to King George county.

NEW SCHOOL LAWS.

Mr. Enever Lucas, clerk of the County School Board of Stafford county, has prepared a paper recommending certain changes in the school laws of the State, which he has forwarded to Superintendent James Ashiy, of Stafford, and a copy sent to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Richmond and to Senator G. M. Wallace and Hon. M. K. Lowry, representatives in the Legislature from this section, to be laid before the proper committees of the Senate and House, respectively.

Among other suggestions Mr. Lucas recommends that some provision be mado for a substitute for the superincedent, in the event of the latter's protracted absence or sickness; the appointment of school brustees by the judge of the Ci

NEGRO BARBER KILLED

Run Over by a Train on the Southern Near Danville.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA. February 20.—Joe
Cutier, a colored barber of Reidsville,
North Carolina, was killed by a train on
the Southern Railroad sometime last night
between here and Stokesland. The parriculars of the tragedy are not known,
as his body, very much disfigured, was
not discovered until this morning. An
inquest was held this afternoon, but nothing doveloped. Cutler had been working in this city until about two weeks
ago, when he went home and it is though
he was probably beating his way back
to the city, when the accident happened,
Possibly he fell from the train.

Big Bristol Store Sold.

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(Repectal to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, VA., February 20.—The big department store business of the late Frank G. Pitzer here was sold this week by the executor of the estate to Oscar F. Mahoney, of Greeneville, Tenn., and L. S. Jones, of Honaker, Va. The purchasers have ample capital and expect to continue the business, adding to every department in a substantial way. Mr. department in a substantial way. Mr. Mahoney is a brother of John A. Mahoney, the well known wholesale merchant here, while Mr. Jones is a brother of H. E. Jones, president of the Dominion National Bank here.

Roanoke Resolutions.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., February 20.—The
Roanoke Bar Association met this aftermoon and adopted resolutions on the death
of John Hampton Hoge, expressing regret
over his demise and sympathy for his
family. The committee that reported the
resolutions was as follows: Judge Willlam Gordon Robertson, W. A. Glasgow
and J. W. Hartwell.

A Possible Candidate.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
LOUISA, VA., February 20.—The friends
of Judge F. W. Sims are speaking of him
as a possible candidate for the State Sen-